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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/RA - ROBERT J. MARTENS

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1. HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS MUST BY LAW BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS
BY JANUARY 31 AND THE DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO MEET THAT
DEADLINE. I HAVE URGED BOTH MR. CHRISTOPHER'S OFFICE
AND HA TO COMPLETE THEIR REVIEW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
BECAUSE OF THE URGENCY OF HAVING THE REPORTS TRANSMITTED
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TO EMBASSIES IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT DELIVERY TO HOST
GOVERNMENTS WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE PUBLIC RELEASE THAT
WILL OCCUR WHEN THEY REACH CONGRESS. MR. CHRISTOPHER'S
OFFICE TELLS ME THE EA REPORTS ARE NOW BEING REVIEWED
BUT WON'T BE BACK TO EA BEFORE LATE THURSDAY OR
FRIDAY ALTHOUGH THEY SYMPATHIZE WITH THE COUNTRY PROBLEMS.
DESKS WILL NEED TO SEND THE REPORTS OUT BY IMMEDIATE

CABLE AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE THEM FROM D.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS CRITERIA FOR POLICE EQUIPMENT (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE OPTIONS ON THE POLICE EQUIPMENT PAPER HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO THREE. AS YOU KNOW FROM FRIDAY'S STAFF MEETING, I TRIED TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO COUNTRIES WITH RECORDS OF "SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS" OUT OF FEAR THAT THIS COULD LEAD TO A HIT LIST OR RATHER A PERCEPTION OF SUCH A LIST SINCE SUCH AN INTENTION IS DISAVOWED BY ALL (THIS TERMINOLOGY IS IN ALL THREE REMAINING OPTIONS INCIDENTALLY). ALTHOUGH THAT TERMINOLOGY REMAINS, I BELIEVE I HAVE SUCCEEDED IN ADDING LANGUAGE TO THE PREFERRED OPTION EXPLICITLY STATING THAT NO LIST OF COUNTRIES IS INTENDED AND THAT CARE MUST ALSO BE TAKEN TO AVOID AN IMPRESSION THAT SUCH A LIST IS INTENDED. HOPEFULLY THIS "FIX" WILL STICK IN THE REVIEW PROCESS.

3. INDIAN OCEAN (SECRET)

THE PREPARATORY PAPERS FOR THE FOURTH ROUND OF TALKS WAS CONSIDERED BY THE SCC AND PASSED TO THE PRESIDENT FOR CERTAIN DECISIONS. EA INTERESTS, PARTICULARLY
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IN THE DEFINITION OF THE AREA QUESTION AND RELATED MATTERS, ARE FULLY PROTECTED - AT LEAST FOR THIS ROUND.

4. CONGRESSMAN EILBERG'S HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED INDO-CHINESE REFUGEE PAROLE (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

HEARINGS WERE HELD JANUARY 24 BY CONGRESSMAN EILBERG ON THE PROPOSED PAROLE OF 7,000 ADDITIONAL INDOCHINESE BOAT REFUGEES. PATT DERIAN WAS THE DEPARTMENT'S PRINCIPAL WITNESS AND BOB OAKLEY WAS EA'S WITNESS. CONGRESSMAN EILBERG REPEATEDLY REFERRED TO THE FACT THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WAS MAKING ITS THIRD "EMERGENCY" APPEAL FOR PAROLE AND QUESTIONED WHETHER THIS PRACTICE WOULD END SOON. PATT DERIAN, BOTH IN HER PREPARED STATEMENT AND IN HER TESTIMONY, ASSURED THE CONGRESSMAN THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WAS DEVELOPING A LONG TERM SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM WHICH IT WOULD BE DISCUSSING WITH CONGRESS SHORTLY. THE FACT THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS CONSIDERABLY MODIFIED ITS POSITION ON THE EILBERG BILL COULD NOT BE MENTIONED BECAUSE OMB HAS WITHHELD ITS APPROVAL TO DATE.

DESPITE CRITICISM, FORMAL OBJECTION TO THE PAROLE WAS NOT INTERPOSED, THEREFORE WE EXPECT A CABLE TO GO OUT TONIGHT OR TOMORROW ANNOUNCING THAT IT IS IN EFFECT.

5. TESTIMONY ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

WE ARE COORDINATING PREPARATION OF EA MATERIAL (A PROCESS ALSO UNDERWAY IN OTHER PARTS OF THE DEPARTMENT) FOR THE SECRETARY'S UPCOMING CONGRESSIONAL APPEARANCE ON FEBRUARY 16 IN SUPPORT OF THE FY 1979 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION.

6. UPDATE ON AMBASSADORIAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
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AS PART OF THE CONTINUING DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE FIELD AND WASHINGTON, AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES STATEMENTS FOR 14 EA COUNTRIES WERE SENT TO POSTS IN EARLY DECEMBER UNDER GENERAL COVER OF 1977 STATE 291277, WHICH INVITED FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE STATEMENTS BY POSTS BY JANUARY 15, AND AS APPROPRIATE THEREAFTER. EIGHT POSTS -- INDONESIA, JAPAN, KOREA, LAOS, PHILIPPINES, PNG, ROC, AND SINGAPORE -- SENT IN COMMENTS. DESKS ARE REVIEWING THESE COMMENTS AND MAKING APPROPRIATE CHANGES IN THE GOALS STATEMENTS. WE HOPE TO SEND THE REVISED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES STATEMENTS TO S/P ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 27. THEY IN TURN HOPE TO GET THE STATEMENTS TO THE NSC BY JANUARY 30 AND HAVE NSC AGREEMENT BY NOVEMBER 10. THE GOALS STATEMENTS PARTIALLY REPLACE THE PARM PROCESS, AND WILL LIKELY BE REVIEWED AGAIN THIS FALL.

STATE 291277 ALSO REQUESTED THAT EACH POST PREPARE A SEPARATE BRIEF OVERVIEW STATEMENT IN AIRGRAM FORM DUE FEBRUARY 15 ON THE GENERAL APPROACHES THAT WILL BE USED IN PURSUIT OF THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. THIS BRIEF OVERVIEW SHOULD BE BASED PRIMARILY ON THE GOALS STATEMENT AS TRANSMITTED TO POSTS IN EARLY DECEMBER, BUT MAY ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY COMMENTS THE POST HAS SINCE MADE. NO SPECIFIC LENGTH OR FORMAT HAS BEEN SET.

M/MO IS WORKING ON A CABLE TO PROVIDE POSTS WITH RESOURCE PLANNING GUIDANCE MENTIONED PART II, PARA 4 OF STATE 291277. WE HAVE NOT SEEN IT, AND IT IS UNLIKELY TO BE OUT THIS WEEK.

7. KOREA (CONFIDENTIAL)

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DURING A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE LAST GA WITH THE DIRECTOR OF UN AFFAIRS IN THE KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, THE LATTER COMMENTED THAT THE NORTH KOREANS WERE NOT LIKELY TO SEEK INSCRIPTION OF A KOREAN ITEM THIS YEAR, ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION SHOULD BE KEPT UNDER CLOSE REVIEW. HE ALSO FELT THAT THE ABSENCE OF A KOREAN ITEM FOR YET ANOTHER YEAR WOULD MAKE IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE ITEM TO BE REVIVED IN THE FUTURE.

8. STORMFURY (CONFIDENTIAL)

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CLEARING A REPORT FROM MS. MINK TO THE NSC ON NOAA'S PROPOSED HURRICANE MODIFICATION EXPERIMENTS IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC. THE REPORT NOTES THAT THE CONSENSUS OF THE NSC AD HOC GROUP ON WEATHER MODIFICATION IS BOTH THAT NOAA BE PERMITTED TO COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH MEXICO FOR SUCH EXPERIMENTS AND THAT WORK BEGIN ON A PLAN UNDER WHICH FUTURE U.S. INTERNATIONAL HURRICANE EXPERIMENTS BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE AEGIS OF AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM. IN DEVELOPING THE LAST POINT WHICH COULD, OF COURSE, BEAR ON ANY FUTURE EXPERIMENTS OFF THE AUSTRALIAN COASTS OR ATTEMPTS TO REVIVE THE WESTERN PACIFIC PROJECT, THE REPORT STATES THAT WHILE PLANS FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION ARE BEING DEVELOPED OTHER EXPERIMENTS WOULD NOT BE PRECLUDED, BUT COULD BE EXAMINED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

9. SEATO RECORDS RETIRED (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE LAST OF THE SEATO RECORDS STORED IN THE SEATO SUB-REGISTRY VAULT IN EA/RA WERE RETIRED TO THE RECORDS SERVICE CENTER LAST FRIDAY. ALTHOUGH SEATO DISBANDED JUNE 30 LAST YEAR, THE PROCESS OF RECORDS DISPOSAL HAS BEEN HELD UP BY THE NEED TO OBTAIN INTER-AGENCY CLEARANCE (A) TO RETAIN THE RECORDS ALREADY HERE IN STATE DEPARTMENT
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CUSTODY RATHER THAN TRANSFER THEM TO DOD AND EVENTUALLY THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE (NARS) AND (B) TO ENSURE THAT RECORDS FROM OTHER SEATO SUB-REGISTRIES WHICH WERE TRANSFERRED TO DOD AND NARS AS WELL AS THE STATE SUB-REGISTRY WOULD BE TREATED AS INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTS NOT SUBJECT TO US NATIONAL DECLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES (IN EFFECT LIKE XGDS-1 RATHER THAN GDS).

THE POINT IS NOT ONE OF SENSITIVITY BUT RATHER MAINTENANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE THAT CLASSIFIED INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTS CANNOT BE UNILATERALLY DECLASSIFIED BY ONE MEMBER STATE. THIS IS ALSO IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF THE

PRECEDENT THAT COULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAY IN FUTURE BE DISBANDED. VANCE

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